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Dr. Wayne C. Grover
Archivist of the United States
National Archives
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Records Group 266, 52A212, to the
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Dr. Grover:

It is requested that subject group of records be transferred from the custody of the Federal Records Center to this Agency. The following information is furnished in accordance with instructions contained in the Regulations of the General Services Administration, Title 3, Federal Records:

- a. Description: Records collected and created by the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Bureau of Economic Warfare and its successor agencies. These records consist of correspondence, interviews, reports, maps, photographs, exhibits and related material. They pertain to industrial installations and other economic information in various countries of Europe and Asia. This material was used apparently in preparing intelligence reports by the Board of Economic Warfare and its successor agencies. It is arranged generally by country or area for the period December 1941 to June 1945 and is an estimated 42 cubic feet in volume.
- b. Restrictions: A limited inspection of the material reveals that a majority of it bears a "Confidential" or "Secret" security classification.
- c. Reference: These records have been in the custody of the Federal Records Center for approximately 2 years. Reference to the material during this period has been limited to the Central Intelligence Agency.
- d. Organization of Records: If the request for transfer is honored, the records will be incorporated in, and made a part of, existing files.
- e. Value to CIA: The information contained in these records will be of great value to the Agency in performing its work. In addition, the collection of this information by other methods would be extremely costly and difficult to obtain.

Mr. Arthur E. Young, Deputy Regional Director for Records Management Service, Region 3, OSA, is familiar with this transfer request and has been very helpful in assisting with the research connected with the transaction.

Sincerely,

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L. E. WHITE
Acting Deputy Director
(Administration)

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